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Admiral Momsen who has the Navy Cross, D. S. M., Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, is coming up from Washington to speak to the Club about the all important question of "sub" warfare.

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GEORGES CLEMENCEAU

GRANDSON OF THE GREAT "TIGER OF FRANCE" WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AND SPEAK BRIEFLY. CLEMENCEAU JUST ARRIVED FROM FRANCE TO HONOR THE PUBLICATION OF WYTHE WILLIAMS' NEW BOOK "TIGER OF FRANCE" TO BE PUBLISHED BY DUELL, SLOANE AND PEARCE ON FEBRUARY 17TH. WYTHE WILL INTRODUCE CLEMENCEAU.

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DON'T FORGET OPEN HOUSE AT THE CLUB ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th ... Jack Doorty and Grace Corson of the House Committee will be the hosts.

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There will be a meeting of the Dinner Committee on Monday, February 14, 1949, in the clubrooms at 5:30 P.M. Send in your reservations for the Dinner as soon as possible.

The members of the dinner committee this year which is under the chairmanship of Louis Lochner, are Egbert White, Thomas M. Johnson, Elsa Maxwell, Cortez Enloe, Wythe Williams, Hal Lee, Joseph Rosapepe, Ralph Jules Frantz, Pauline Frederick, David P. Page and Ollie Stewart.

A meeting of the Bulletin Committee will be held Tuesday, February 15, at 5:30 P.M. in the clubrooms at 1475 Broadway, according to Joe Rosapepe, chairman.

The Overseas Press Club is now getting together a third book for E.P. Dutton & Co. This will be the fifth book which the members of the OPC have collaborated on in the ten years of the club's history. The new one will be published in the Fall of 1949 and will have the general theme of "Men Who Shape Our Destiny". The editorial Committee, appointed by President Bill Chaplin consists of John Barkham, George Kent and Bill Doerflinger. The book will have 23 chapters on twenty-three of the leading personalities of the world today. These individual chapters will be written by members of the club who are best fitted, in the opinion of the Committee, to write them -- they will be projected into the future of world affairs so that the true stature of each man can be fully set forth.

DEADLINE ..... DEADLINE for Ballots for the 1948 awards to be given at the annual banquet on March 4, 1949 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria is February 15th. The ballots will be counted by the Committee on Awards on Thursday February 17th, at 5:30 P.M. If you have mislaid your ballot, call the office and another one will be sent to you.

Frank Gervasi has a year's leave of absence from Collier's to go to Europe and do a little "smootching" around.... Bob Strother, recently returned from a vacation in Florida, is joining Reader's Digest this week.

Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War; and General Grow of the Air Forces will be honor guests of the Overseas Press Club for our Tenth Anniversary Dinner of the Club. General and Mrs. Marshall are flying up in the General's own plane on Friday afternoon and will stay until Saturday. The General's health is much improved and his doctors are more than satisfied with his rapid recovery. Many former associates of the General and his close friends will be present to honor this great American at the Waldorf on Friday, March fourth.

ATTENTION: ... PRICE OF DINNER TICKETS TO MEMBERS IS ONLY \$9.50 and members can bring one more person at this same rate. Everybody else has to fork up the Fifteen Bucks.

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The following applications have been received in the OPC. If you have any complaints, suggestions or recommendations, send them to Craig Thompson, chairman of the Admissions Committee.

**ACTIVE:**

MORTIMER WM. BELSHAW, Associated Press Newsphoto Editor, Rome, Italy. Italy for the Associated Press from October 1945 to present.

JAMES S. HART, formerly England, France, Luxembourg, Germany in that order for OWI; transferred to SHAEF, PWD, London, chief of News Section; field work after invasion in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany; Chief News Section, Radio Luxembourg. July to December, 1945.

WILLIAM ROSPIGLIOSI, Rome, Italy for Time, Inc. Rome Bureau Chief for Time and Life.

FRANK W. TAYLOR, St. Louis Star Times, 1935 in Italy. France, Belgium and England.

War Correspondent for Chicago Sun, Hawaii, Guam, Philippines, Pacific Ocean off Japan with 3rd U.S. Fleet, 1946.

**ASSOCIATE:**

Lee Hills, Managing Editor, The Miami Herald. Mediterranean and European theatres of operation and Middle East, spring and summer of 1945. Central and Western Europe, summer of 1946; Tour of Far East, including Japan, Korea, China, Philippines, etc. 1947. South Africa, February-March, 1948.

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Ralph H. Major, Jr., associate editor of Coronet Magazine, has a full length profile of his editorship in the current issue of Writers' Journal.

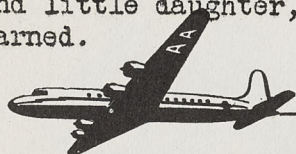
ATTENTION ..... Not to seem unduly alarmist but... The New York Post let out around twenty people a few weeks ago; Look magazine let out about fourteen; the N.Y. Herald Tribune about twenty. Advertising is being hit, according to experts in the field. Many industrial firms have let out hundreds of workers.... where to, Mac?

Max Boyd of the AP in Cairo. We have finally caught up with his wife. She is staying at the Hotel Webster in New York, according to Wythe Williams.

Clifford Evans was sworn in last week as Director of Television for New York City by Mayor O'Dwyer. New York is the first city to have a television unit on its own in the entire United States.

Daniel T. Brigham, formerly of the New York Times, is editor of two publications "Lukens Plate" and "Clad News" put out by the Lukens Steel Co., of Coatesville, Pa.

Ivan "Cy" Peterman, of the Philadelphia Inquirer covered the elections in Italy last Spring; he returned to Europe to cover the UN General Assembly in Paris in the Fall. Cy traveled throughout France, Germany; interviewed General Clay and Gen. Huebner whose guest he was as co-author of "Danger Forward," history of Huebner's former command -- wrote eight part series feature article "Europe in Decision" for Philadelphia Inquirer. Peterman was one of 75 American correspondents covering the UN to pick Truman and covered his colleagues 15 to 1, buying Paris hats and gowns for his wife and little daughter, Laurel, who accompanied him to Europe, with "increment" thus earned.



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GOD'S UNDERGROUND, by Gretta Palmer, from Appleton Century, Crofts, Inc.  
CATALINA, by W. Somerset Maugham, from Doubleday & Co.  
THE TIGER OF FRANCE, by Wythe Williams, from the author.  
LIVING WITH CRISIS, by Fritz Sternberg, from John Day Co.

Gerald J. Rock, of the United Press Associations, reports that James Michaels, United Press Bureau manager in New Delhi, India for two years, has returned to the States.

Harry Brundidge, formerly with Cosmopolitan who went to Tokyo last year for Attorney General Tom Clark to prepare the case against Tokyo Rose, indicted last October in San Francisco, was at the luncheon last week. He was surrounded by old friends from the Far East--Frank Oliver of Kemsley, and John Goette, to name only two.

Helen Kirkpatrick resigned from the N.Y. Post on February 2, on the grounds that the political climate of the paper had ceased to be compatible with her own. Helen felt that the political coloration of the editorials had increasingly affected the handling of news.

Rumor in New York has it that Corliss Lamont is buying the N.Y. Post as Dorothy Thackrey is said to have withdrawn her financial support.

John Gunther's new book "Death Be Not Proud" published by Harper tells the story of a year's mortal battle with a brain tumor by his son, Johnny, who died in 1947 at the age of 17. Bob Considine is in Florida, Cuba and Jamaica for a short holiday. Bob will be the guest of Wright Bryan, another OPC member, in Atlanta, en route back when he will speak at the Georgia Press Institute on Feb. 19th.

Cornelius Vanderbilt will return to Europe this Spring -- he still has fifty more lectures around the country and says that interest in foreign affairs is huge.

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Leo Lania, Eastern European Editor of the United Nations World has an article in the February issue of the magazine entitled "Conceived in Sin", wherein he claims that the new German literature is showing the effect of Nazi doubletalk which corrupted its form and the Buchenwalds which broke its spirit. Leo is writing his fifth book which will be called "The Rebirth of Europe."

Thurston Macauley in Austria for the Blue Danube Network reports that his horse book called "The Great Horse Omnibus -- from Homer to Hemingway" with an introduction by Bing Crosby will be published on March 14th by Ziff-Davis -- the date misses by two days the first birthday of son Theodore.

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One hundred and sixty-five members and guests gathered at the La Zambra restaurant on Feb. 9th. About forty good members and their guests were turned away because the restaurant was crowded to the gills. H.V. Kaltenborn presided. Mr. W. Somerset Maugham, the guest of honor, was presented with a huge birthday cake for his 76th birthday and life membership in the Overseas Press Club. His book "Catalina" published recently by Doubleday, was the jackpot prize and was won by Carroll Colvin. Glimpsed around were Jock Lawrence whose guest was Ken McCormick of Doubleday, Richard Mowrer, Edwin Muller, Hal Boyle, Dan Grossi, Ben Gross, Isaac Don Levine, Emil Lengyel, William Vandivert, etc.

Mr. Maugham turned the tables on the club and presented the premiere of his new film "Quartet" to the Correspondents' Fund for a charity benefit - which will take place somewhere around the end of March, according to latest reports. Mr. Kaltenborn thanked Mr. Maugham on behalf of Lowell Thomas, President of the Fund of the OPC this year.

The new film produced by J. Arthur Rank was made from four of his short stories which will also appear in book form under the same title "Quartet" to be published in March by Doubleday. It is a new experiment and if successful will offer the movie people a mass of new material.

The master of English prose, as Maugham is often called, said that novelists seldom have a chance to hear the good that their fellow writers think of them until they are safely dead and buried. He said that he had been writing for fifty years and that probably in that time he had said everything he had to say. On one or two occasions he had been convicted of repeating himself, Maugham confessed.

The speaker said that he had been transfixed some time ago, during a walk in London's Hyde Park when he saw a young woman desperately trying to push a stalled automobile. He did not rush to her aid but watched her give the auto a final push which got it started. Morale: "There can be no reason to fear for the dismemberment of the British Empire or the weakness of Great Britain as long as the women of England retain their magnificent virility." We don't know for sure but it is reported that Boyle asked the esteemed writer whether he was sure that the girl was British and not American.

There will be a meeting of the Dinner Committee on Monday, Feb. 14th at 5:30 P.M., a meeting of the Bulletin Committee on Tuesday at 5:30 P.M., a meeting of the Book Committee at 5 P.M. on Wednesday and the meeting of the Awards Committee on Thursday, at 5:30 P.M. Open house on Friday from 6:30 P.M. to twelve and the luncheon on Wednesday at the Park Lane Hotel.

Hester E. Hensell,  
Secretary.

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